OPINION 960

CENTRACANTHIDAE FOWLER, 1925 (1829) (PISCES): CONSERVED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers:

(a) the emendation to *Centracanthus* of the generic name *Centracantus* Rafinesque, 1810, is hereby validated;

(b) it is hereby Ruled that the family-group name CENTRACANTHIDAE Fowler, 1925 (1829) is to be given precedence over MAENIDAE Cuvier, 1829, by any zoologist who believes these names to be applicable to the same family-group taxon.

(2) The family-group name CENTRACANTHIDAE Fowler, 1925 (1829) (type-genus *Centracanthus* Rafinesque, 1810) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 460.

(3) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Centracanthus* (emend. under the plenary powers of *Centracantus*) Rafinesque, 1810 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Centracanthus cirrus* Rafinesque, 1810 (Name No. 1939);

(b) *Spicara* Rafinesque, 1810 (gender: feminine), type-species, by monotypy, *Sparus flexuosa* Rafinesque, 1810 (Name No. 1940);

(c) *Merolepis* Rafinesque, 1810 (gender: feminine), type-species, by monotypy, *Sparus massiliensis* Lacépède, 1802 (Name No. 1941).

(4) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *cirrus* Rafinesque, 1810, as published in the binomen *Centracantus* (sic) *cirrus* (type-species of *Centracanthus* Rafinesque, 1810) (Name No. 2446);

(b) *smaris* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sparus smaris* (Name No. 2447);

(c) *maena* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Sparus maena* (Name No. 2448).

(5) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Centracantus* Rafinesque, 1810 (Ruled under the plenary powers in (1)(a) above to be an incorrect original spelling for *Centracanthus*) (Name No. 1991);

(b) *Centracantha* Rafinesque, 1810 (an invalid emendation of *Centracanthus* Rafinesque, 1810) (Name No. 1992);

(c) *Smaris* Cuvier, 1814 (a junior homonym of *Smaris* Latreille, 1796) (Name No. 1993).

(6) The family-group name CENTRACANTIDAE Fowler, 1936 (type-genus *Centracanthus* Rafinesque, 1810) (an incorrect spelling for CENTRACANTHIDAE

Fowler, 1925 (1829)) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 456.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1821)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. A. N. Svetovidov in August 1967. After some correction Dr. Svetovidov's application was sent to the printer on 24 January 1969 and was published on 12 May 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **26** : 32–36. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to one specialist serial. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 August 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)29 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **26** : 34–35. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 13 November 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—sixteen (16), received in the following order: Melville, Eisenmann, Vokes, Tortonese, Holthuis, Obruchev, Sabrosky, Binder, Lemche, Mayr, Jaczewski, Bonnet, Starobogatov, Kraus, Alvarado, Simpson.

Negative votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Forest.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Munroe, Ride.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late affirmative vote.

Original References

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Centracantha Rafinesque, 1810, Maggio, *Ind. ittiol. Sicil.*: 67

CENTRACANTHIDAE Fowler, 1925, *Amer. Mus. Novit.* **162** : 4

Centracanthus Rafinesque, 1810, Aprile, *Caratt. nuovi Gen. nuove Spec. Anim. Sicilia*: 42

CENTRACANTIDAE Fowler, 1936, *Mar. Fish. W. Africa* **2** : 860

Centracantus Rafinesque, 1810, an incorrect original spelling for *Centracanthus q.v.*

cirrus, Centracanthus, Rafinesque, 1810, Aprile, *Caratt. nuovi Gen. nuove Spec. Anim. Sicilia*: 43

maena, Sparus, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) **1** : 278

Merolepis Rafinesque, 1810, Maggio, *Ind. ittiol. Sicil.*: 25

Smaris Cuvier, 1814, *Bull. Soc. Philom. Paris*: 2

smaris, Sparus, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) **1** : 278

Spicara Rafinesque, 1810, Aprile, *Caratt. nuovi Gen. nuove Spec. Anim. Sicilia*: 51

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)29 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 960.

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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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